

REMARKS

Claims 1, 8-13, 16-20, and 24-30 remain in the application. Claims 2-7, 14-15, and 21-23 have been canceled.

Claims 1, 2-5, 8-11, 14, 15, 19-23, and 27-30 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Patel et al. However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 6, 7, 12, 13, 16-18, and 24-26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include all of the limitations of claims 3-5 and allowable claims 6 and 7. Claims 2-7 have thus been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to properly depend from amended claim 1.

Additionally, Applicant has amended and rewritten allowable claim 16 in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 1, 14 and 15 from which it depended. Claims 14 and 15 have thus been cancelled and claims 19 and 20 have been amended to properly depend from amended claim 16.

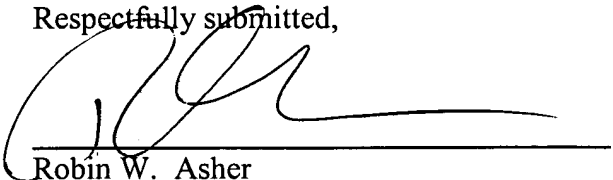
Finally, Applicant has amended and rewritten allowable claim 24 in independent form including all of the limitations of claims 1 and 14 from which it depended. Claims 21-23 have been cancelled.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for immediate allowance, which is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of the above fees associated with this Communication to Deposit Account No. 50-1759. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

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